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really save marriages you have to have a longer delaying period. I don't think anybody will buy that. It's probably a good idea philosophically, but nobody will buy it.

PRESIDENT: Senator Swigart.

SENATOR SWIGART: Mr. President and colleagues, I rise to oppose the kill motion on 295. You know if you happen to make a promise and you're not sober, golly you can get over it in 48 hours. Secondly, I've been married over 40 years and I'm just eager to see other people get married and have troubles like the rest of us.

PRESIDENT: Senator Koch.

SENATOR KOCH: Mr. President, members of the body, I rise to oppose Senator Murphy's motion to indefinitely postpone. What we're doing here has very very little to do with the longevity of a marriage or the blissfulness of that marriage. We're merely trying to provide, I believe, some type of convenience for young people and those who seek to engage in that great institution of marriage. I think we should not indefinitely postpone, but should pass this bill.

PRESIDENT: Senator Murphy do you wish to close the debate by way of reply.

SENATOR MURPHY: Mr. President, I really hate to because under the shortage of the chamber and the head count that has already opposed there's no way for me to get home. I would simply say to Senator Lewis that, as far as the waiting period goes and the decision being made right up until the moment you say I do, you're not sure. To my friends the attorneys I'm surprised that they don't want the kind of proof beyond any reasonable doubt which would put a nine month delay period on it. I do feel, Mr. President, there are not enough votes in this chamber to carry out this motion, and that closing is rather futile to any real purpose. I simply will repeat what I said initially, either you believe it or you do not.

PRESIDENT: The question is shall LB 295 be indefinitely postponed. Record your vote. Record Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 10 ayes, 19 nays, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: Motion fails.

SENATOR LUEDTKE: I move that LB 295 be advanced to E & R final.

PRESIDENT: Any discussion of the motion? The question is shall LB 295 be advanced to E & R final. All in favor say aye. Contrary say nay. Motion carries.

SENATOR LUEDTKE: Mr. President, I move the adoption of the E & R amendments to LB 277.

PRESIDENT: Discussion of the motion? The question is the adoption of the amendments to LB 277. All in favor say aye. Contrary say nay. The amendments are adopted.